

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

April 24, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TIMOTHY SCHLITZER, Council President Pro Tem; KING PARKER;  
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON.

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL EXCUSE  
ABSENT COUNCILMEN RANDY CORMAN AND DON PERSSON.  
CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer;  
LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City  
Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator;  
JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP,  
Facilities Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; DON ERICKSON,  
Senior Planner; KAREN MARSHALL, Human Services Manager; DENNIS  
CONTE, Housing Assistance Specialist; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst;  
COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**PRESS**

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*  
Claire Booth, *South County Journal*

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL  
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2000 AS PRESENTED.  
CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION**

April 30 to May 2 –  
“Days of Remembrance”

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read, declaring the week of April 30  
through May 7, 2000, as “Days of Remembrance” in memory of the victims of  
the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and  
liberators, and further proclaiming that Renton’s citizens should strive to  
overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.  
MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL  
CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Human Services: Christmas in  
April – Eastside Program

Dennis Conte, Housing Assistance Specialist, explained that last July, Council  
approved the formation of a partnership with the Christmas in April program.  
Since that time, City staff has employed various tactics to solicit applicants for  
the program. In particular, Housing Maintenance Worker Lynn Rothlisberger  
assisted many potential clients in completing Christmas in April applications, and  
Gloria Gamba, Human Services Office Technician, answered countless phone  
calls and inquiries about the program. As a result, the program received over 37  
applications from the Renton community, of which six were selected for  
participation in this year’s program. Another 13 Renton applications will be  
carried over for consideration in next year’s event. Mr. Conte added that, for the  
first time, IKEA will be a corporate sponsor of one of the Renton homes.

Jerry Hardebeck, Christmas in April – Eastside’s House Recruitment Committee  
Chair, praised Renton staff for their extensive and highly successful efforts to  
solicit applications for this program. He presented a plaque to the City in  
recognition of its generous assistance in the success of this program and its

emphasis on community enhancement. Mr. Hardebeck looked forward to changing the lives of six Renton homeowners this weekend, and many more in the future.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Planning: Eating & Drinking  
Establishments in Regional  
Parks & Golf Courses

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Renton Municipal Code Development Regulations regarding eating and drinking establishments in regional parks and golf courses.

Don Erickson, Senior Planner, explained that the proposed amendments would render stand-alone restaurants such as Ivar's and Kidd Valley at Gene Coulon Park and River Rock Café at Maplewood Golf Course permitted secondary uses in both the R-1 (Residential – One Dwelling Unit Per Acre) and RC (Resource Conservation) zones. Restaurants are currently only allowed as accessory uses to public and private golf courses in the R-1 zone, and to existing golf courses in the RC zone. The proposal would amend Renton's Development Regulations to make "eating and drinking establishments" (i.e., restaurants) permitted, subject to the condition that the use occur only in regional parks and golf courses. This change would allow Ivar's and Kidd Valley to become conforming uses in the likelihood that Gene Coulon Park is rezoned to R-1 in the future. It would also make River Rock Café a conforming use in the RC zone.

Mr. Erickson clarified the difference between a secondary use and an accessory use, saying that stand-alone restaurants are not considered to be normal accessory uses within golf courses or regional parks. Examples of normal accessory uses for these facilities include bait shops at fishing piers, pro shops at golf courses and concession stands at sports fields. Staff has concluded that stand-alone restaurants may be appropriate in larger, regional-type facilities while remaining inappropriate for smaller neighborhood and community open spaces.

Continuing, Mr. Erickson said as secondary uses in these zones, any new stand-alone restaurants would require approval by the Park Board and the City Council. He emphasized that no new restaurants are being proposed at this time. Staff recommends that the proposed amendments be approved, along with new definitions for the terms "neighborhood", "community" and "regional" parks, based on descriptions in Renton's 1992 Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler noted that this subject remains in the Planning & Development Committee, which will issue a recommendation for action to the full Council.

## **APPEAL**

### **Planning & Development Committee**

Appeal: WSDOT Noise  
Variance for SR-167 Repaving

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the request from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for a noise variance to conduct resurfacing on SR-167. The Planning & Development Committee met on this topic on April 20, 2000. In making its decision, the Committee is required by City Code to detail errors in the Findings and Conclusions from which the appeal was made. In reviewing the record, the Planning & Development Committee determined that there were inadequate

Findings and Conclusions from which to make its decision. Therefore, the Planning & Development Committee is remanding this issue back to the Board of Public Works for preparation of detailed Findings and Conclusions, and requests that the Board of Public Works seek assistance from the City Attorney's office in preparing those Findings and Conclusions. Once the Findings and Conclusions are available, the committee will make its recommendation based on the testimony taken at its committee meeting of April 20, 2000. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

City Attorney Lawrence J. Warren warned Councilmembers that, because this matter will remain on appeal until it is resolved, the rules pertaining to quasi-judicial matters apply. Specifically, Councilmembers are not allowed to have *ex parte* communications with any parties on this subject. If such communication should occur, the participating Councilmember will be required to disclose the incident on the Council floor and allow rebuttal time by the opposing side.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* With the assistance of the Human Services division, Boeing employees generously donated over 700 Easter baskets to Communities in Schools of Renton for low-income Renton children.
- \* The Recreation Division's "Hip Hoppin' Egg Hunt & Carnival" at the Community Center last Saturday drew over 1200 children and their parents.
- \* Thanks in part to the Telephone Pioneers of America, over 35 visually impaired children and their families hunted for specially-made "beeping" Easter eggs at the Senior Activity Center on Saturday.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Dickson – Traffic Signal at 134th Ave SE & Petrovitsky

Chris Dickson, 17650 – 134th Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, reported that the traffic signal at the intersection of 134th Ave. SE and Petrovitsky Road takes an inordinate amount of time to turn green. Mayor Tanner replied that while this intersection is outside of Renton's jurisdiction, the City would be happy to contact King County regarding this matter on Mr. Dickson's behalf.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Executive: Opposition to Federal Moratorium on Internet Taxes

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Executive Department recommended approval of a resolution opposing a five-year extension of the current federal moratorium on Internet taxes. Council concur. (See page 143 for resolution.)

CAG: 00-051, 2000 Slurry Seal Project, Blackline Inc

City Clerk reported bid opening on 4/19/00 for CAG-00-051, 2000 Slurry Seal project; one bid; engineer's estimate \$94,792.00; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the sole bidder, Blackline, Inc., in the amount of \$97,188.32. Council concur.

Plat: Shorewood, 1900 Block of NE 24th St (PP-99-187)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Shorewood Preliminary Plat; 28 single family lots on 4.35 acres located in the 1900 block of NE 24th St. (PP-99-187). Council concur.

**MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS****Committee of the Whole**

Utility: Shutoff Policy &  
Procedure

Council President Pro tem Schlitzer presented a report recommending that Renton City Code be revised to require that tenants of multifamily dwellings whose utility payments are in default receive a notice of impending water shutoff from the utility a minimum of three days before actual termination. The Committee further recommended that a charge of \$5.00 per unit notified be assessed to the property owner. The ordinance revising the Code to reflect this change is referred to the Finance Committee. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Public Safety Committee**

Police: Jail Booking Policies

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report regarding jail booking policies. The Committee has reviewed the current jail booking policies, and has chosen not to make any changes. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

City Clerk: Non-Linear Video  
Editing System

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the request to purchase a non-linear video editing system. The Committee recommended that the City Council approve staff's request to purchase a Media 100 non-linear video editing system at a cost of \$27,400.87, including sales tax and shipping charges. The Committee also recommended that Council concur in the recommendation to appropriate the funds in the 127 Cable Communication Development Fund. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

EDNSP: Port Quendall SEIS,  
Huckell/Weinman Assoc

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the proposed contract with Huckell Weinman Associates to conduct the Planned Action Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Port Quendall project. Vulcan NW, the development firm under Paul Allen, has committed to fund this entire contract except a small portion, Phase VI, on the interchange NEPA Environmental Assessment. Phase VI costs would be split between the developer, the State and the City. The City's portion of Phase VI is not expected to exceed \$20,000.

The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract with Huckell Weinman for the Planned Action SEIS. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 181323 – 181326, totaling \$50,791.32; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 24979 – 25196 and 532 direct deposits totaling \$976,665.92. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Planning & Development  
Committee**

Development Services: Grand  
Opening, Temporary and  
Political Sign Revisions

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending that Council set a public hearing on May 15, 2000, on the subject of grand opening, temporary and political sign revisions, and associated housekeeping. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Parks: Waterfowl Management

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement for participation in the Waterfowl Management Program. The Committee further

Program Agreement recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page for resolution.)

Community Event: Centennial Calendar for 2001 Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding a community calendar for Renton's 2001 centennial celebration. The Administration recommended that the Renton City Council appropriate \$35,000 for the design, production and distribution of 50,000 Renton Community Calendars in the 2000 budget. Funding for this project will come from the 1999 year-end fund balance.

The calendar would be ready for distribution in early December of 2000, and would include calendar dates for January – December, 2001. The calendar would have a centennial theme and feature historical data as well as centennial event information. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

### **Resolution #3452**

Executive: Opposition to Federal Moratorium on Internet Taxes

A resolution was read urging simplification and fairness in the application of sales and use taxes, with the goal of securing Congressional authorization granting each state the authority to require remote sellers to collect its state and local use taxes. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

### **Resolution #3453**

Parks: Waterfowl Management Program Agreement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement for waterfowl (Canada goose) management program for the year 2000. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 5/01/00 for second and final reading:

Parks: 200 Mill Ave S Tenant Improvements (2000 Budget Adjustment)

An ordinance was read amending the 2000 Annual Budget by increasing expenditure allowances in the amount of \$1,500,000 for tenant improvements to City facilities; facility operating costs; and to provide fund transfers and interfund loan authorities. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 5/01/00. CARRIED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:08 p.m.

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MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk